

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An articulated suspension device, in particular for monitor support systems, comprising a suspension part having an end with a part-spherical external profile, a connecting part suspended on the suspension part, a sliding part disposed between the suspension part and the connecting part and enabling a sliding rotational and tilting movement of the connecting part relative to the suspension part, wherein the sliding part is an annular sliding band, which has a constant thickness and an internal profile of which corresponds to the spherical external profile of the end of the suspension part, and that the connecting part has an end with a part-spherical internal profile, which corresponds to a spherical external profile of the annular sliding band, ~~[[and]]~~ wherein for fastening a support system to the connecting part a plurality of bores are provided below the spherical end thereof; and wherein there is provided an enclosure for covering a slot aperture produced by the articulated suspension between the suspension part and the connecting part, said enclosure covering the slot aperture in a close-fitting manner so as to comprehend all joint-position-dependent slot aperture widths.
2. (Previously Presented) The articulated suspension device according to claim 1, wherein the suspension part outside of the part-spherical end has a cylindrical shape and the connecting part outside of its part-spherical end has a hollow cylindrical shape.
3. (Previously Presented) The articulated suspension device according to claim 1, wherein the suspension of the connecting part on the suspension part is effected by supporting the annular

sliding band, which is fastened to the spherical end of the connecting part, on the spherical end of the suspension part.

4. (Previously Presented) The articulated suspension device according to claim 1, wherein the articulated suspension in three degrees of freedom is effected by a rotational and tilting movement of the annular sliding band along the spherically curved surface of the end of the suspension part.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The articulated suspension device according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein the enclosure comprises a component of the connecting part having a hollow cylindrical portion and an adjoining hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion of an, in both portions, constant and thin wall thickness, and the internal diameter of the hollow cylindrical portion corresponds to the minimum external diameter of the suspension part, and the internal diameter of the hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion corresponds to the, by a specific amount, enlarged spherically profiled external diameter of the connecting part.

8. (Currently Amended) The articulated suspension device according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein the enclosure in the hollow cylindrical portion is fastened by at least one connection to the suspension part in the region of minimum external diameter thereof.

9. (Previously Presented) The articulated suspension device according to claim 7, wherein a restriction of the range of rotation of the connecting part relative to the angular position of suspension part occurs.

10. (Previously Presented) The articulated suspension device according to claim 9, wherein on the inner side of the hollow spherical-segment-shaped portion of the enclosure a rib is fastened, the height of which is smaller than the clearance between the enclosure and the connecting part, and at the same time on the outer sides of the connecting part in the region of the spherical end thereof a further rib is fastened, which is likewise smaller than the clearance between the enclosure and the connecting part, wherein the ribs mutually block each other after a 360° rotational movement of the connecting part relative to the suspension part.